



Syllabus

Course Name: **Who Made God?**

Age Group: **15+ years**

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Total Weeks: **4**

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Who Made God is a workshop for anyone who wants to get a bird's eye view of the problem of God. This course presents a critical analysis of the hypothesis presented by Richard Dawkins, explains Darwin's theory of evolution, and analyzes various criticisms raised on the concept of God as raised by the proponents of the physicalist school of thought.

Week	Topics
1	INTRODUCTION TO THE PROBLEM & A CRITICAL ANALYSIS OF ITS CENTRAL THESIS 1. The problem, as presented by Richard Dawkins 2. A critical analysis of Dawkins' main hypothesis a. Must an explanation be necessarily simpler? b. Darwin's theory of evolution – a simple explanation? c. Is science making progress towards increasingly simpler explanations of the ultimate kind?
2	GOD AND SCIENCE – COMPETING TO EXPLAIN THE UNIVERSE? 1. Why postulate a creator to explain the universe? 2. Can evolution replace God, anyway? (God vs. Evolution by natural selection) 3. God – invented to fill scientific gaps?
3	UNIVERSE: A POOR DESIGN OF A POOR DESIGNER? 1. God – a poor designer? 2. If God, then why pain?
4	WHO MADE GOD? 1. A great God; a petty purpose? 2. Who created God, after all? a. Self-explanatory or not self-explanatory? – That is the question! b. A mistake of category, again!